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Superman or SuperMENACE?

By Lois Lane

It looks as if Metropolis and the world may finally find itself free of the Man of Steel's recent erratic and dangerous behavior.

After a bloody battle with the monster known as Doomsday in Smallville, Kansas, Superman has grown increasingly unpredictable and destructive. As the Teen Titans were heard to say, "There's something wrong with Superman."

Looking more and more like the monster he just defeated, an increasingly dangerous Superman has forced the government to deploy a Kryptonite bomb, which has left the Earth covered in material that we have been assured is not lethal to humans.

Most recently the Last Son of Krypton was spotted in Brazil, where witnesses claimed he first fought an unknown armored, female warrior, who was later joined by Wonder Woman.

Onlookers claim Wonder Woman pulled the Super-Monster



Photo by Daily Planet Satellite

into the upper atmosphere, only to return moments later in a battle with a trio of Red Lanterns and the Super-creature.

According to witnesses, Super-

man finally left the planet of his own accord, but his destination and when he might return are unknown. We will all just have to look up in the sky and pray he does not come back.

How will this all affect Supergirl?

Smallville still under quarantine—

— no change in victims

What is the Justice League's response?

Weather—Mostly Cloudy Green



Real-time satellite video of the green atmosphere









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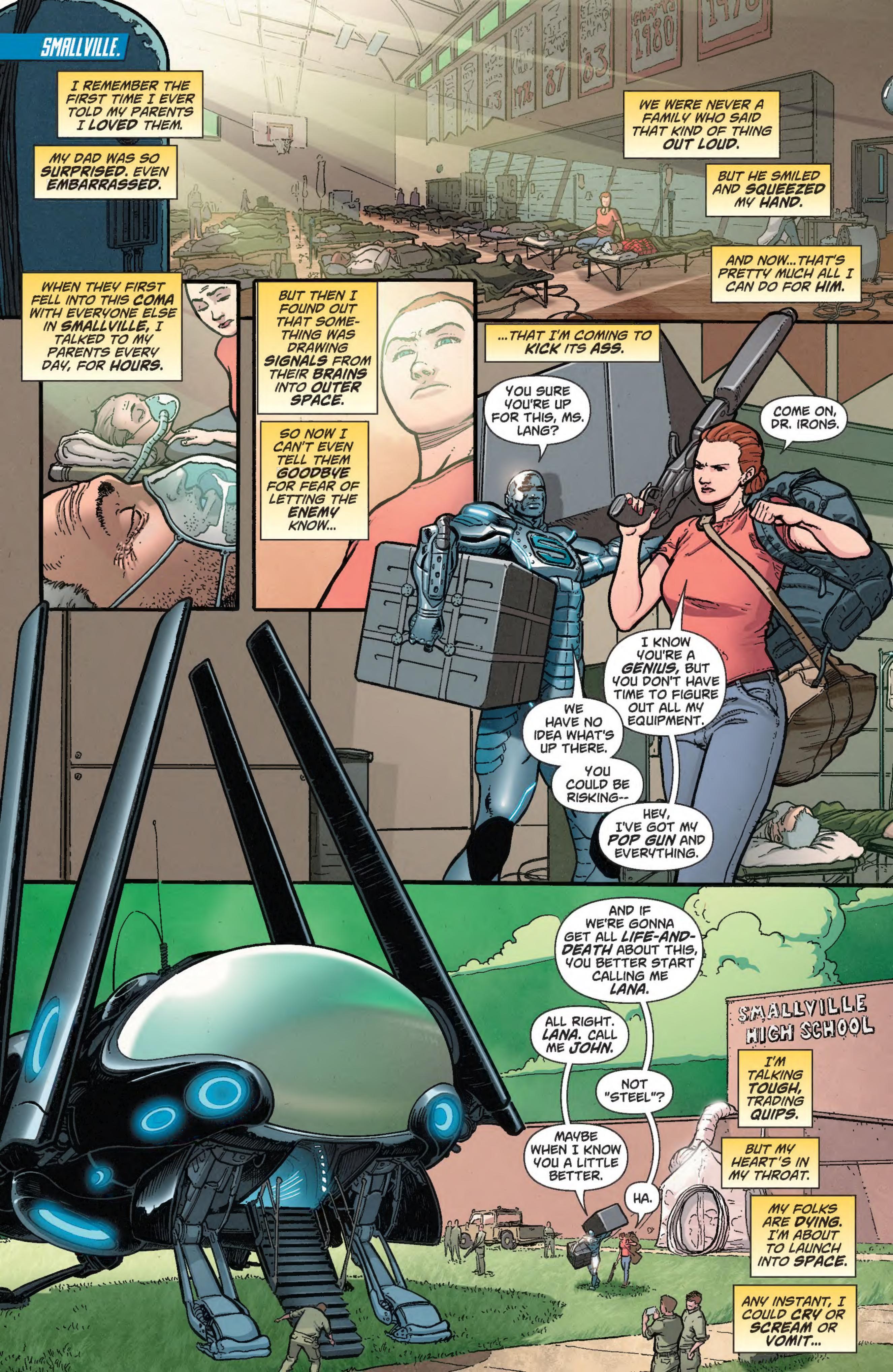
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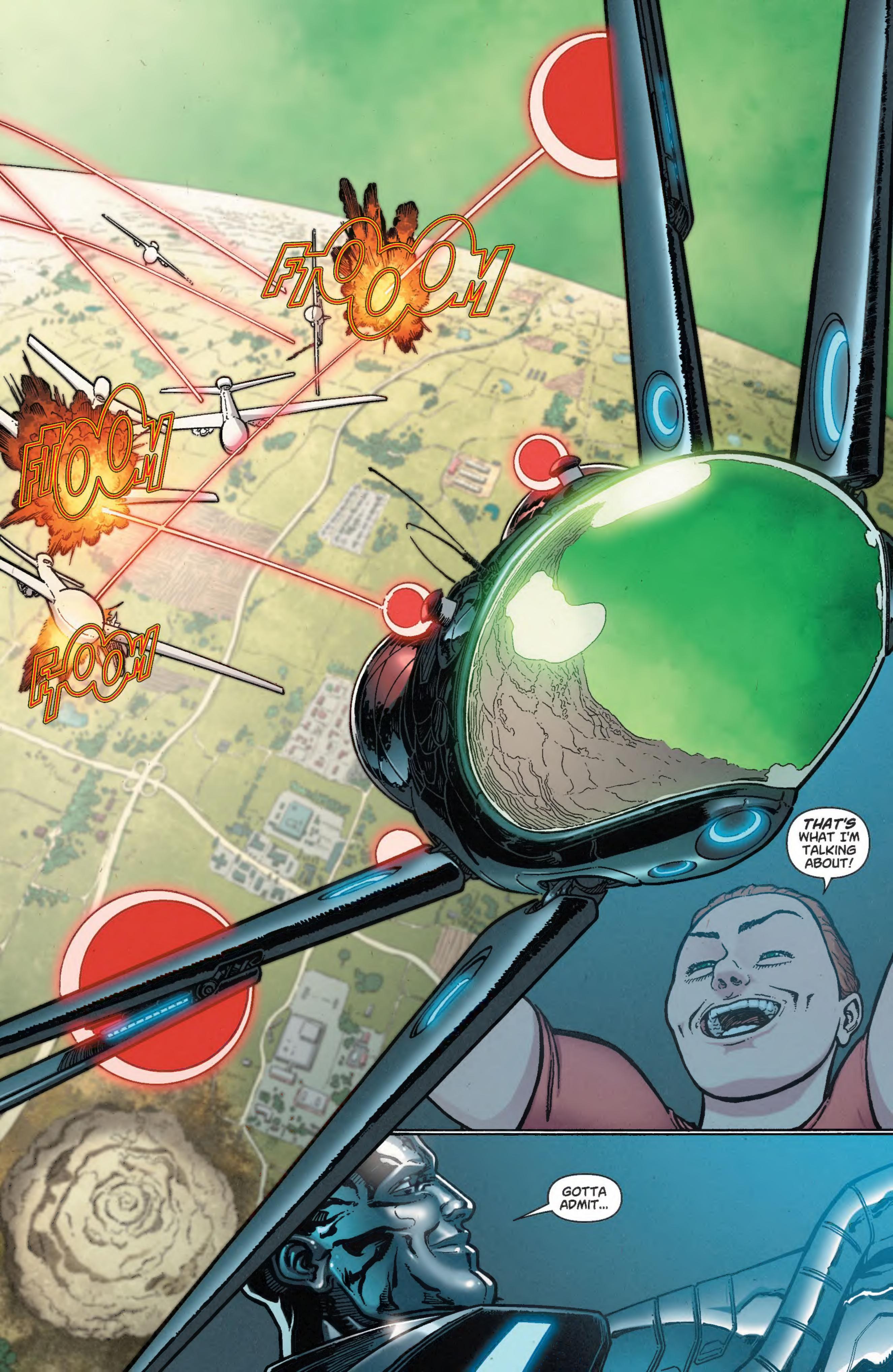
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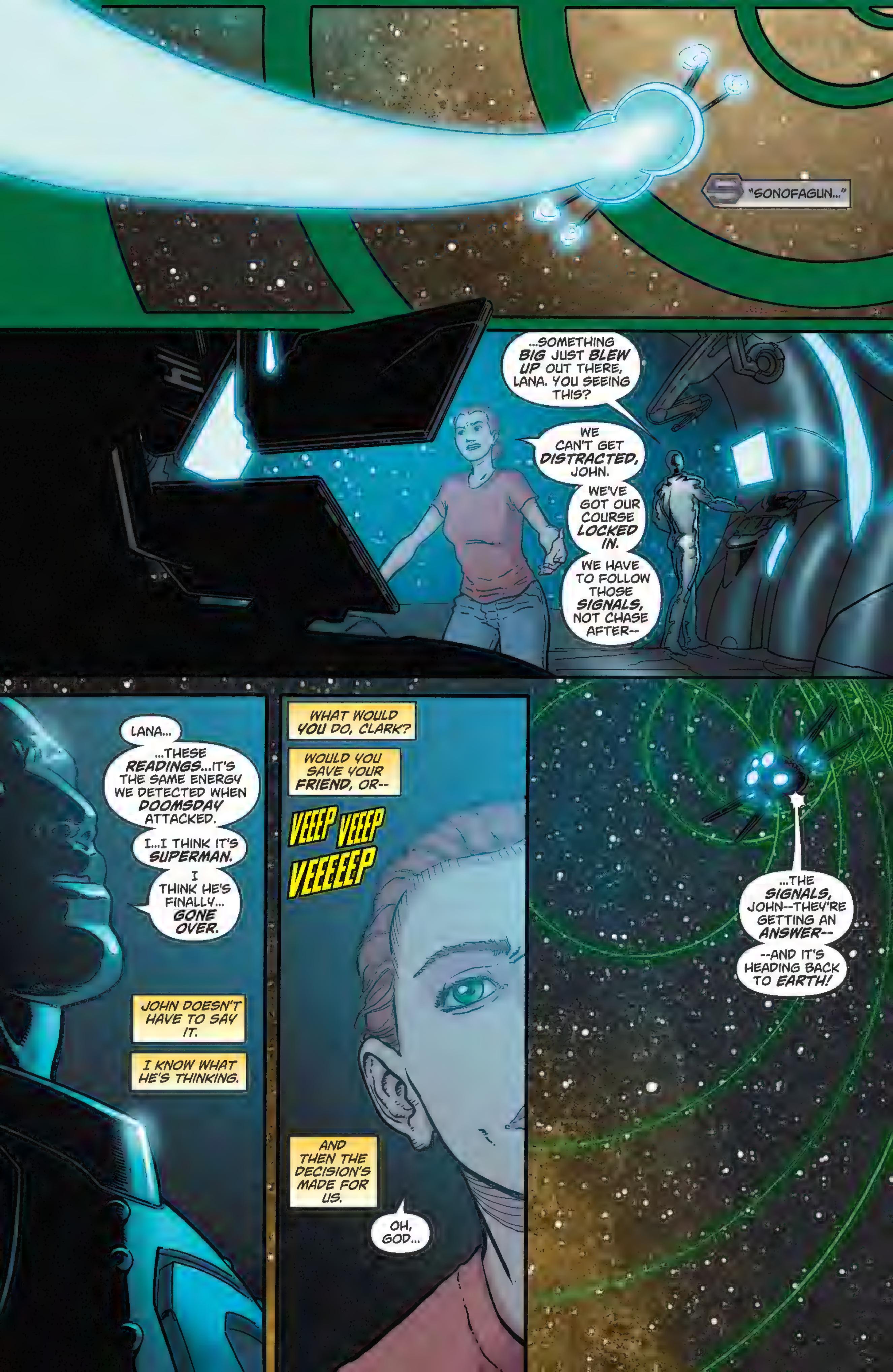




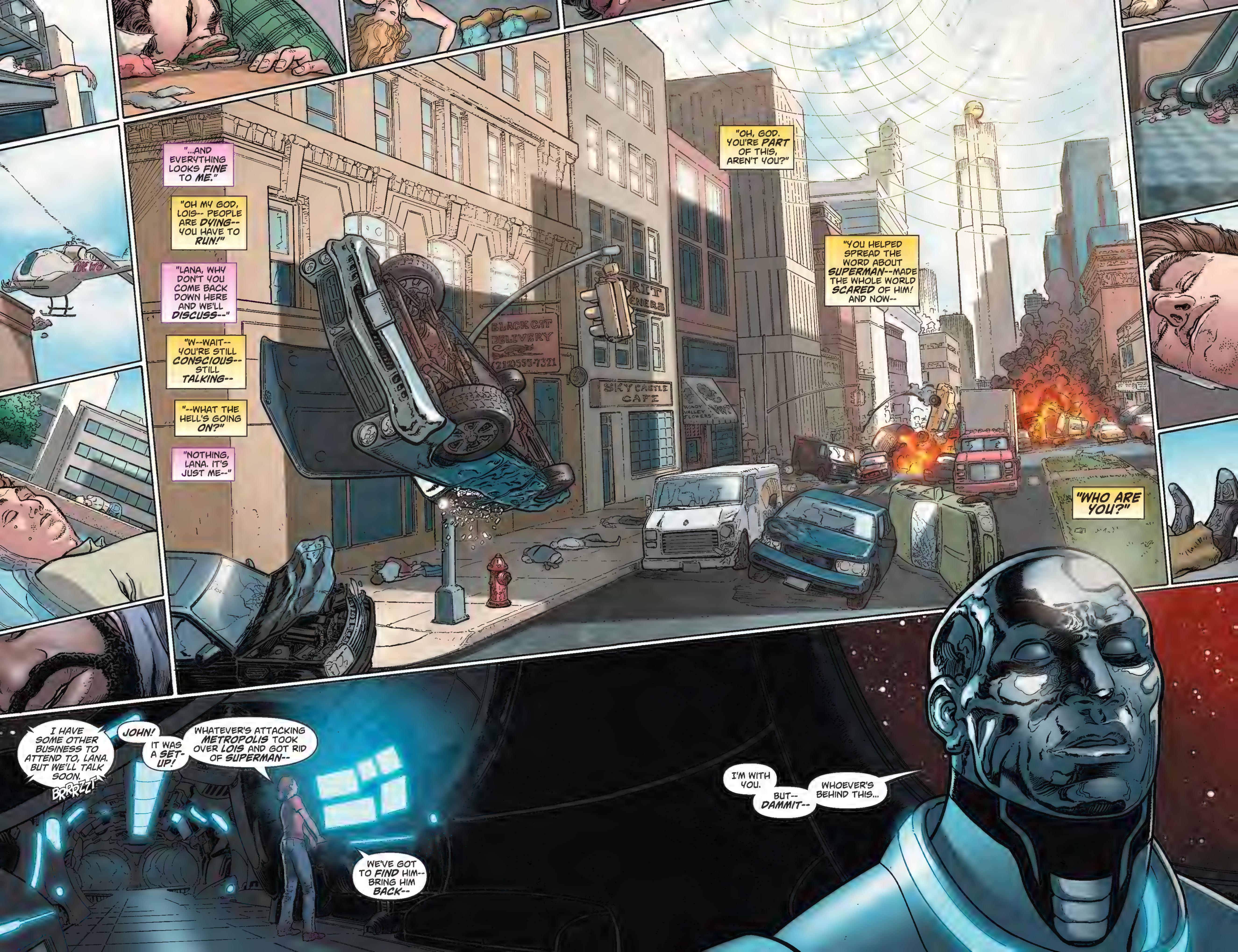
















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Summer is the time to roll out the blockbusters, and that's what we did this May when writers Scott Lobdell, Greg Pak, Charles Soule and artist Ken Lashley gave us the Man of Steel's greatest triumph that soon turned into his greatest defeat; in SUPERMAN: DOOMED #1 Superman confronted the creature that once killed him.

Tearing the monster in half may not have been a great idea, since Clark Kent was infected by that creature and started to become the next



(cue horror movie music) DOOMSDAY, or SUPERDOOM, as we call him in-house.

How has the Last Son of Krypton dealt with this? Not well. Here, with the help of biogeneticist-slash-artist extraordinaire Aaron Kuder, we examine what has occurred:

STAGE 1: DENIAL & ISOLATION

Back In ACTION COMICS #31, we had what can scientifically be described as "Grumpy Face" Superman. He shut himself off from everyone and pretended everything was okay. "Come on, give the guy a break," pleads ACTION COMICS writer Greg Pak "Who among us wants to admit he's on the verge of being taken over by the viral form of the most dangerous monster in the universe whose only mission is to destroy all life?"

STAGE 2: ANGER

In SUPERMAN/WONDER
WOMAN #9, we saw why he
was becoming an "Enemy
of the State" as he seriously
bulked up and developed an
even nastier attitude. "First
time Wonder Woman saw him
all Doomsdayed out, her face
went like this: 'Eeeugh,'" says
Charles Soule, who as writer of
RED LANTERNS is very aware of



bad dispositions.

"You'd be ticked too."

STAGE 3: BARGAINING

Now in July, his Clark Kent persona is trying to reason with his "Superdoom" persona, but that is just beating a dead Kryptonian. He's gotten even bigger and even more spikey, and as we see in ACTION COMICS #33 and in both upcoming SUPERMAN/ WONDER WOMAN ANNUAL #1 and ACTION COMICS ANNUAL #3, he is more driven by instinct than intellect. Ken Lashley looks at it optimistically "You know, Lois Lane with her new Brainiac powers is gonna beat some sense into him."

STAGE 4: DEPRESSION

Some devastating events in the Annuals will bring about this radical look that Aaron says "is absolutely the least huggable Superman EVER... maybe."

STAGE 5: ACCEPTANCE

So we're left to wonder: Is this it or is there something even more horrible to come as we go into the final stage and see the "Last Sun" set?

What will happen in ACTION COMICS #34, SUPERMAN/ WONDER WOMAN #11, SUPERGIRL #34 and SUPERMAN: DOOMED #2?

SPOILER:

Sometimes there are no happy endings.

--[DOOMED] Group Editor Eddie Berganza

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MEET THE NEW SUPERMAN OF EARTH 2

Rocketed to Earth from the doomed planet Krypton, Val-Zod developed powerful and extraordinary new abilities thanks to Earth's yellow sun. Although raised as a pacifist, Val now uses his powers to fight for justice and freedom against the hordes of Apokolips and the tyrannical Kal-El!

Sound familiar? For readers of the monthly series EARTH 2 it sounds exactly right. But for those that haven't been keeping up with the title, things might seem a little off—and if you are confused, well, it's about time you give this series a shot because you, dear friends, have been missing out on one of the most unpredictable and exciting titles out there.

Since its start back in 2012, EARTH 2 has made a name for itself with constant twists and turns, nonstop action, and surprise revelations. In the first issue alone, the trinity of Superman, Batman, and Wonder Woman all died at the hands of Darkseid's hordes (or so it seemed), giving rise to a whole new generation of heroes: The Flash Jay Garrick, Green Lantern Alan Scott and more.

However, it was recently revealed that Superman did not perish after all, and as the destructive force known as Brutaal, the brainwashed former savior has become a monstrous dictator, conquering Earth in the name of Darkseid. It's now up to a ragtag group of heroes led by the new Batman, Thomas Wayne (yeah, you read that right) to overthrow Kal-El and reclaim the Earth (or what's left of it). Thankfully, they have an ace up their sleeves—the recently uncovered Val-Zod, who is taking on the mantle of the Man of Steel!

Of course this is just the tip of the iceberg of awesome that is this series, and we still have yet to see just how deep this rabbit hole goes.

Mixed metaphors aside, there are amazing things planned for Val and everyone on Earth 2 both in its monthly series and in the upcoming EARTH 2: World's End weekly series. So, be sure to take a trip to EARTH 2 and pick up issue #25, on sale now!

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